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**Statement
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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
On
SB 74 An Act Concerning A Prohibition Against Site of Service Differential Payment Rates**

Good afternoon Senator Crisco, Representative Fontana and members of the Insurance Committee, my name is Christine Cappiello and I am the Director of Government Relations for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Connecticut. I am here today to speak on **SB 74 An Act Concerning A Prohibition Against Site of Service Differential Payment Rates**

Anthem is opposed to any legislation that would constrain or mandate the payment level for services provided to members. Anthem believes that differential payment rates are one of the tools that health plans may ensure that members receive the care in the setting with the best quality. Purchasers of health insurance are becoming more educated about where quality healthcare is being delivered and health plans needs the flexibility to meet that need.

Thank you for your time and attention and I welcome any questions you might have.